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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

As you are aware from my letter of April 28, 1950, communications officials of the Department are preparing data concerning the Department's world-wide communication requirements, upon the basis of which it will be possible for the Department and the Central Intelligence Agency to determine the degree desirable for coordination and consolidation of their respective communications programs. This study has not yet been completed in all phases, but it has progressed to the point where the Department's communications officials have concluded, in consultation with responsible communications officers of your Agency, that it is desirable and practicable to consider immediately a consolidation of effort at several points.

The Department recently addressed inquiries to a number of posts in the Southwest Pacific area, and from the replies received it is apparent that there are now four points at which it may be possible to establish and operate low-powered radio stations from the Foreign Service posts themselves, for the purpose of exchanging, through a relay station, telegraphic communications with the Department in Washington. The four posts concerned are

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I understand that communications officials of the Department have discussed the possibility of the establishment

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Director of Central Intelligence,
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establishment of such a system with officers of your Agency, and that preliminary agreement has been reached on the type and quantity of equipment required, together with other technical details. I would appreciate receiving as soon as possible your views as to whether the

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Sincerely yours,

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
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Note on letter from DCI:

Copy has been forwarded to the Special Support Staff through the Executive for his information and to send such support as may be needed.

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